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DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

July 17, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2007
WEST MAINTENANCE AREA
SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND ADJACENT AREAS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 3 AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Channel Right of Way Clearing, 2007, West Maintenance Area, in the vicinities of Los Angeles, Burbank, Glendale, and Santa Clarita (3 and 5), at an estimated cost between \$525,000 and \$600,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on August 14, 2007.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to Department of Public Works for filing.

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PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to receive bids for clearing of vegetation and debris from flood control channel right of way; flood control channel lining weep holes, joints, and cracks; and other appurtenant work.

This project is necessary for ongoing maintenance of channel improvements.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6) since it will improve the operation of flood control facilities during storms and improve the appearance of the facilities, thereby improving the quality of life for residents in Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated contract cost is in the range of \$525,000 to \$600,000.

Sufficient funds for this project will be made available in the proposed Flood Control District Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, workmanship standards, and equipment requirements necessary for the prosecution of this project and are on file with the Department of Public Works. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed use will be in existing flood control facilities and no new construction is proposed. Therefore, the project is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant affect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (existing structures) of the environmental document reporting procedures and guidelines of the County of Los Angeles.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, civil litigation history, and prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to (1) comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and (4) comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

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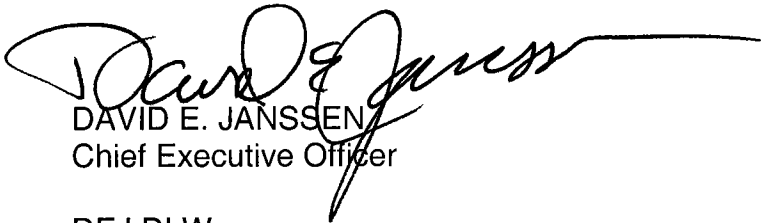
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will have a positive impact by improving the aesthetics of our facilities. No current services or projects will be impacted.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

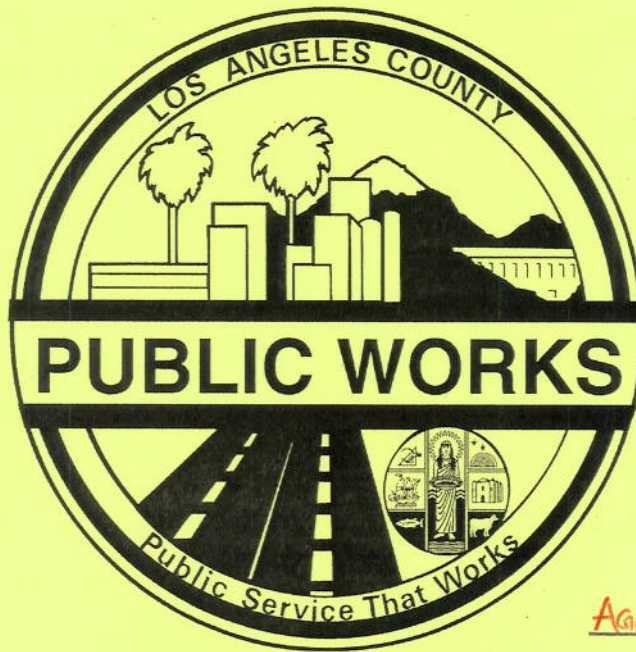
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Janssen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Executive Officer

DEJ:DLW
HC:maa

c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By *[Signature]*, Deputy

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

AND

SPECIFICATIONS

FOR

PROJECT ID NO. FMD0001047

CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING, 2007
WEST MAINTENANCE AREA



Approved, DONALD L. WOLFE, Director of Public Works

By

Patrice V. DeChellis
Deputy Director

6-25-2007

Date